(b) the details of foreign exchange earned by the Government from tourism during the above Plan period as on date, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) and (b). The target on foreign exchange earning from tourism fixed for the terminal year 1996-97 of Eighth Plan at the time of formulating the Plan was Rs. 7000 crores. The estimated foreign exchange earnings during each of the years in the Plan period were as given below:-

Year	Foreign Exchange Earning (Rs. in crores)
1992-93	6060.0
1993-94	6970.3
1994-95	7365.6*
1995-96	9185.9*

* Provisional

Contract for Doubling of Railway Line

2879. SHRI P.C. THOMAS : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether contracts/tenders have been invited for works of doubling of rail line between Mangalore and Shoranore;

(b) whether the functions relating to these contracts/ tenders are being performed at Madras rather than in Kerala;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether there is no control of Senior Accountants over the financial matters concerning this work; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir. Some tenders have been invited for this work.

(b) No, Sir. Tenders are being invited from Madras, Calicut and Cannanore.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Vacant Posts in Railways

2880. SHRI SUBRATA MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of posts lying vacant in different zonal railways and different production units, zone-wise, unit-wise and division-wise details thereof;

(b) the number of persons recruited during the current year, zone-wise, unit-wise and division-wise and

(c) the steps being taken to fill up all existing vacancies in Indian Railways particularly in group-'B' and 'D'?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) A statement is attached.

(b) and (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT

(a) The approximate number of non-gazetted posts lying vacant in different Zonal Railways and different Production Unuts as on 31.3.96 are as under :-

Zonal Railways			*Production Units*		
CR	-	14101	CLW	-	810
ER	-	12572	DCW	-	539
NR	-	19158	DLW	-	407
NER	-	8330	ICF	-	1273
NFR	-	7352	RCF	-	1136
SR	-	5579	W&AP	-	67
SCR	-	8448			
SER	-	23354			
WR	-	12637			

However, division-wise details are not maintained.

As far as gazetted staff is concerned the information is being collected.

[Translation]

Railways Land

2881. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV : will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that railway land attached with the Divisional Office of Northern Railway Men's Union at Allahabad on the City Side has been let out to an outsider on monthly rent of Rs. 500/- for running a shop;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether rent realised by Divisional Secretary every month is being deposited with the Railways or the same is being enjoyed by office bearers for their personal gain;

(d) if so, whether the Government propose to allot additional land for letting out to outsiders by the Uttariya Railway Mazdoor Union at Allahabad on the Civil Lines side; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e). Do not arise.

[English]

Employment to Apprentice Trainees

2882. SHRI RUP CHAND MURMU : Will the Minister of RAILYAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of Act Apprentices trained in the KGP workshop of SER are awaiting for employment as a large number of posts are vacant; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b). Under the Apprentices Act, there is no obligation on the part of the organization imparting training to provide jobs to trained apprentices. These trained persons are free to seek employment obtained by Apprentices after their training is maintained by the Railway Training Centres. It is therefore, not possible to state whether a large number of apprentices trained in the Kharagpur workshop of South Eastern Railway are awaiting employment.

As regards vacancies, arising and filling up of vacancies is a continuous process and at any given point of time there are generally some vacancies to be filled up.

Vacancies in Group 'C' and Group 'D' are normally filled up through Railway Recruitment Boards or by the Railway Administration themselves. In either case, vacancies are duly notified and the Course completed Act Apprentices can also apply for being considered for appointment against these vacancies alongwith other eligible candidates.

Uniforms and Identity Cards to Railways Employees Working at Tikiapara Yard

2883. SHRI MEHBOOB ZAHEDI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that air condition staff of Tikiapra Yard of Eastern Railway are performing their duties without availing laminated identity cards and without yard uniforms for a long time;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that while performing their duties they are facing security problem in absence of uniforms and identity cards; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) does not arise.

Judgement of Supreme Court

2884. SHRI AMAR ROY PRADHAN : will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 3436 on August, 29, 1996 regarding Judgement of Supreme Court and state:

(a) whether his Ministry gave any time limit to State Governments, Union Territories and Ministries, Departments for implementation of rocommendations of Hon ble Supreme Court;

(b) if so, the details of the time limit;

(c) the names of State Governments/Union Territories — Ministries/Departments, which have not furnished their views/comments on this issue and details of those which have furnished their comments/views; and

(d) the decision taken by his Ministry on the recommendations of Hon'ble Supreme Court?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) A statement is annexed.

(d) Decision on further action for implementing the recommendations of the S.C. will be taken after receiving the views/comments of all the State Govts./and the various concerned Ministries/Departments of the Government of India.

STATEMENT

A. The following State Governments/Union Territories have furnished their views/ comments.

1. Punjab
2. Maharashtra.
3. Government of Lakshdweep.
4. Chandigarh Administration.
5. Kerala.
6. Mazoram.
7. Andhra Pradesh.
8. Meghalaya.
9. Orissa.
10. Gujarat.
11. Daman & Diu.
12. Jammu & Kashmir.
13. Himachal Pradesh.